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MEMORANDUM FOR COLONEL WHEELER
MR. HILL

SUBJECT: OMB Meeting

This memo is written to record the primary discussion items and few action items resulting from my luncheon meeting with Don Ogilvie. The bulk of the time was spent discussing OMB's relationship to the ExCom. Basically, OMB feels they are not part of the meeting and that their opinion on issues is not desired. I countered that the NRO presentation is to the entire official group present, not just the principals, and that I have, in the past, been surprised at the lack of contribution by participants. I urged OMB to become properly knowledgeable about the issues and to use the meeting to state their case even if only in a minority report. This led to discussion of individual participation. Ogilvie thought that he was being left out of all pre-meetings. I advised him that most of the preparation for the principals was done by their individual staffs, not by NRO, and that I felt that he might, by proper representation, be invited to a number of the important pre-meetings.

He countered by requesting that we keep in mind that it would serve our purpose to have OMB properly briefed on the issues and that we should try to assist in having him invited to important meetings.

Relative to data submittals requested by Jim Holt, he agreed with my statement that raw data should not be submitted (e.g., field submittals) to OMB, but that sorted data would be appropriate (e.g., prefinalized program data by Jim Hill). Relative to long lists to questions typified by Holt's "General NRO Questions" of April 30th, Ogilvie also agreed that generally these are not appropriate and further, that any such list should be broken down to those which can be answered, those which require special work

to be answered, or those which are not appropriate questions. He felt that it is proper for us to require more formal requests, but not necessarily in writing.

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